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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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SUBJECT:

Case - National Intelligence Surveys

- 1. The information in the 11 National Intelligence Surveys (NIS) shown in the log sheet as subject to compromise is clearly indicated by each title and is descriptive basic intelligence on the subject. As a comprehensive summary of the available basic intelligence on a given subject, the information contained in these NIS would give the opposition a general appreciation of our knowledge in that level of intelligence.
- 2. Information on the "Armed Forces" and "Military Geography" is such that specific or unique sources are not likely to be compromised. OBI, however, has coordination, review, and publication responsibility for this finished intelligence and is not in a position to authoritatively comment on possible compromise of sources; only the producing agency can do this. The greatest danger of potential compromise is in the sections on "Intelligence and Security" produced by DD/P, to which your inquiry has been referred for appropriate comment. Two of these are identified in the list; the date of one of the unidentified items (NIS 18) suggests that it also is on this topic. The items on the "Armed Forces" and "Military Geography" are produced by the departments of the Army, Navy, and Air Force; "Public Order and Safety" was produced by the Department of State.

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